

Alonsa School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Another year has turned over and we are almost one month into 2018. We get to look forward to one more week of this year's version of January weather. Soon we will have the long awaited appearance of the February rodent.

We again ask parents to monitor what their children are doing when on the internet. Issues that come to the school between students usually begin with inappropriate exchanges on Facebook or other social media. The issues carry into the school and become a school issue. In most cases to date, after investigation it is found that there is equal exchange by all students involved. Either student may serve as the instigator but both take equal parts.

Parents are provided with the ability to check on student marks, assignments and attendance through the use of the Parent Portal found on the school division website. Parents can see marks awarded on assessments and any assignments that have not been handed in for assessment. These marks are to be regularly updated for a recent view of student performance, any concerns regarding student performance or regular updating should be addressed to the teacher of the particular courses. Parents can gain access to the Parent Portal by contacting the school and asking the Secretary to set them up with a User Identification and a password.

With the closing of this month of January, the students in the High School are preparing for the examinations. There are only two days for exams required. As all the morning classes continue for the

year they do not require a final examination at this time. Only the afternoon classes run for one semester and require either a final exam or a final project. It is the afternoon courses that have slotted times for exams during the examination time period. This term the high school examinations will be written in the individual classrooms.

Regular class instruction continues until Jan 30. The examination time period runs during the afternoon of January 30th and all day January 31. The semester break is on February 1. February 1 is an administration day for teachers to mark exams and to complete report cards.

The elementary side of the school has been able to go outside on particular days in January because the usual cold weather is not present. Students from K to 6 do not go outside for recess if the temperature or winds chill is -26 degrees or less. They do go out for varied and limited amounts of time when the temperature or wind chill range between -20 to -25. The decision regarding outside recess for all temperatures and weather conditions is based on the conditions at the time of the recess breaks.

In February, we will be setting up courses and schedules for next year. Before courses are selected by students there is a scheduled night for parents and students to hear about possible courses and timetable arrangements. After Feb 6, students will be asked to choose courses from a list of possible courses to determine what may be offered during the 2017/2018 school year.

- Mr. Vern McMichael

Dates to Remember

- January 30 - Last day of regularly scheduled courses in the morning
 - First day of regularly scheduled exams
- January 31 - Last day of regularly scheduled exams
- February 1 - Administration Day - No Classes
- February 2 - Regular classes resume
 - Second semester begins for high school students
- February 8 - High School Report cards sent home
- February 12 - Distribution of Course Selection Sheets - Phase 1
- February 19 - Louis Riel Day - School Closed
- February 26 - Progress Reports are sent home for K to 12 students



News from the K/1 Room

This month we started skating as a class, we go every Tuesday morning from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM. We have a lot of fun and everyone tries their best. For some of us it is our very first time and we are picking up the skill very quickly.

The Grade one class has begun spelling words and the Kindergartens are working on some sight words. We talked about patterning in Math and the different ways we can make numbers.

February will be a very busy month, We have 100 Day, Valentine's Day, I Love to Read Month, skating, our own version of the Olympics and we will be having a guest author come visit our classroom.

Name: Edward Junior

Favorite food: Cucumbers and salt

Favorite colour: Blue

How old are you? Six

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A regular worker

What's your favorite thing about school? Skating

Name: Nicole C.

Favorite colour: I think, pink.

How old are you? Six

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A veterinarian

What's your favorite thing about school? Gym



*-Mrs. Tammy Gingras
& Mrs. Wendy Zalluski*

News from the Grade 2 Room

It is great to be back to school after our winter break! The Grade 2s have been busy getting back into routine and school work.

We started our Words Their Way spelling program and are learning about land forms in social studies. In math we continue to learn new math concepts as well as review previous ones. In science we are on our last few lessons on growth and changes in animals before we begin solids, liquids and gases unit. We have also been active and enjoying skating this month.

Next month we look forward to Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day.

-Miss Selista Langan

News from the Grades 3 & 4 Room

Students in Grades 3 and 4 have been getting back into the routine after the winter break. They have been writing interesting winter stories and journals and reading new and exciting stories and novels.

Our class has been listening to Mrs. Buchanan read "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeline L'Engle and it is proving to be an interesting and fascinating read about time travel and the 5th dimension. In Math, both the Grades 3 and 4 students have started learning about multiplication. In French class students are learning winter vocabulary and enjoy playing games such as "I have, who has" and winter "BINGO". We are looking forward to learning about and celebrating Canada in the Olympics in the coming weeks across all subject areas.

The Grades 3/4 students have started skating at the arena once a week. Our skating days are January 31st, February 9th, February 16th, and February 23rd. Students are reminded to bring skates and helmets on these days. We also thank those who have donated helmets and skates for the students to use during skating times as well.

Cross country skiing will begin for students in grades 3/4 and 5/6 on February 6th. Students wishing to join cross country skiing will be bused to the McCreary Golf Course for 6 morning sessions where lessons, equipment and fun will be had. Any students wishing to participate need to bring their permission forms and \$20 to Mrs. Buchanan as soon as possible. Regular classes will be on for those students not wishing to participate. Students and parents are reminded to dress appropriately on ski days as we will be outside.

-Mrs. Amy Buchannan

Alonsa School Yearbook News

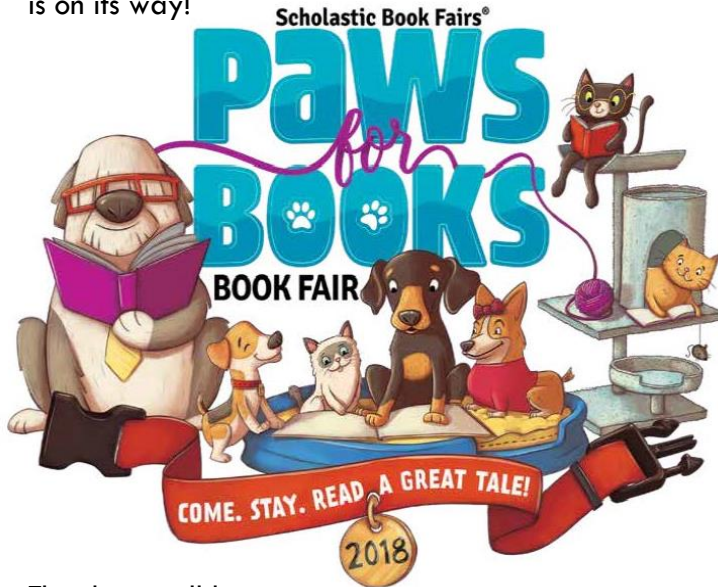
Thank you to Mrs. Mindy Zalluski for becoming the advisor/editor for last year's 2016-2017 Yearbook and also to the student volunteers who will be helping her create pages!

Thank you to Ms. Miranda Sadler who will continue as advisor/editor for the 2017-2018 Yearbook along with the Grade 12 class who will be completing pages.

There is a new email address for anyone to send pictures taken at school events. It is alonsaschoolyearbook@trsd.ca, please include the year of pictures in the subject line. Any pictures sent to the old address have been transferred over and the old email account closed.

News from the Library

Exciting News to report for February! The Book Fair is on its way!



The dates will be:

Wednesday, February 21 – 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

& Family Event after school from 3:30-5:30 PM

Thursday, February 22 – 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Friday, February 23 – 9:00AM-1:30 PM

At this book fair we have the potential to earn 70% profit back on our sales. If we sell over \$1500 (not including GST) we will earn back 50%; because this is our second book fair of the year we will earn an additional 10%; AND because we are having our book fair in February we will earn another 10% bonus. That will bring us to a potential profit of 70%!! Thank you in advance for supporting this literary fundraiser for our Library and Thank You for believing in the importance of reading in your child's life! Visit <http://www.scholastic.ca/parents/> for more information and fun activities online.

There will be a slight change in our Library schedule for the Grades 3 & 4 classes with the semester change. We will be switching the days for their library classes. Grade 4s will now come on Wednesdays from 11:20-12:00 and the Grade 3s will now come on Fridays from 11:20-12:00.

Have a great month! Letters and flyers will be coming home soon with information about the book fair, see you there!

-Mrs. Barbara Anderson, Librarian ☺

Happy
Valentines
Day

News from the Grades 5 & 6 Room

Our Grade 5/6 classes are excited to be more relaxed this time of year after Christmas. We had a very exciting dance for the Christmas Concert using glow sticks and sang a song to follow. We all had great times with family over the holiday season.

We are working on writing in our ELA class, and hope to make a class book after we finish our narrative writing unit. In Math we are working on patterns and equations. We are learning about WW1 in Social Studies and find it very interesting. We are also working on plant and animal cell structures in Science and focusing on a very fun assignment that is making a 3D cell model. We are also planning a science fair for the near future. Fire awareness week is coming up, in Art we are mastering some posters to send in for the contest. We are also trying to learn a dance in Gym that we all can do together and record a video to share with our school.

We are all engaged in our classroom routines and hope for a great second half of the year.


-Miss Catherine Stebeleski

FREE 3-Year-Old Wellness Fair


With screening from Professional Therapists.

IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN 2014

Feb. 28th.....	Roblin Elementary (Book Appointments) ...	10 am - 1 pm
March 7th.....	Gilbert Plains Elementary School.....	10 am - 1 pm
March 14th.....	Winnipegosis Elementary School.....	10 am - 1 pm
March 20th.....	First United Church in Dauphin	10 am - 1 pm
March 21st.....	First United Church in Dauphin	3 pm - 7 pm
April 5th.....	Alonsa School.....	10 am - 1 pm
April 12th.....	Ste. Rose Elementary School.....	3 pm - 7 pm
April 19th.....	McCreary Elementary School.....	3 pm - 7 pm




FREE!
Brain Building Bag
with attendance!




TAKES
APPROXIMATELY
ONE HOUR


For more
information
call your local
Public Health
Office.




DENTAL




OVERALL DEVELOPMENT







VISION



HEARING



SPEECH

Supported by:
South Parkland
Healthy Child Coalition

Alonsa School Travel Club

The Alonsa School Travel Club members would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts! The date of the trip is getting closer and we are very excited!

We are currently selling La Montagne chocolate bars for only \$2 each. We are also selling raffle tickets for \$2 each on a wonderful Valentine Basket! The draw will be held on February 14, 2018.



Valentine's Day Basket Raffle

Draw Date:
February 14th, 2018

\$2 per Ticket

- ♥ Plush Throw Blanket
- ♥ Mr Right and Mrs Always Right Mugs
- ♥ Celebrations mini bars
- ♥ Wine Glasses
- ♥ Hershey Kisses
- ♥ 1 Love Us Mini Frame
- ♥ 2 Bath Bombs
- ♥ XOs Teddy Bear
- ♥ "The Lucky One" Movie
- ♥ Popcorn
- ♥ Country Heat 2018 CD
- ♥ 1 Love you to the moon and back mini plaque
- ♥ \$2b Cinema Gift Card



Proceeds will go to Alonsa School Travel Club

Thank-you for your support

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Our last fundraiser will be an afternoon of crafting in another "Make-and-Take" event on Sunday, March 4 at 1:00 PM at Alonsa School where you can make a sign in any design of your choice! Tickets are \$30 each and are available from any of the Travel Club members or by calling Mrs. Amanda Asham at the school at 204-767-2168 or emailing aasham@trsd.ca. All supplies, snacks and refreshments will be provided!

Thank you once again for your support to make this trip possible for us to experience Vancouver!



-Jordyn, Shelby, Hannah,
Cole, Dylan, Braden,
Brooklyn, Mackenzie,
Ty and Janelle

ALONSA SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR PRIZE

WINNERS!!

12/01 <u>Austin Anderson</u>	12/13 <u>Keri Stevenson</u>
12/04 <u>Lauren Ducharme</u>	12/14 <u>Krista Stevenson</u>
12/05 <u>Cindy Lavallee</u>	12/15 <u>Johnny Clarke</u>
12/06 <u>Sherri Gamble</u>	12/18 <u>Taylor Johnston</u>
12/07 <u>Dana Gurke</u>	12/19 <u>Diane Sucharyna</u>
12/08 <u>Darlene Knaggs</u>	12/20 <u>Steven Tutthill</u>
12/11 <u>Kathryn Benson</u>	12/21 <u>Tannis Stevenson</u>
12/12 <u>Elsie Starr</u>	12/22 <u>Tammy Lambourne</u>

Winning names will be put back in to the draw



Grad Committee 2018

Community calendars are in and will be delivered over the next week. We would like to say a big thank you to all that purchased and supported the Grads of 2018!

Grad '18 clothing samples are in, and orders will be collected during the month of February. Last day for orders will be Friday February 16th.

Our next grad meeting will be Wednesday February 7th at 5:00 in Ms. Sadler's classroom.

-Ms. Miranda Sadler, Grad Advisor

There are no classes for students on **Thursday, February 1, 2018** it is an Administration Day

AND

The school will be closed **Monday, February 19, 2018** for Louis Riel Day